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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to join others in thanking professor Bossuyt for the work done in the Working Group as well as, presenting the report to us.

Along the line of the OIC statement on this issue, Islamic Republic of Iran is of the view that in order to establish a clear role for the professional group of independent experts, significant improvements should be made in the existing election process and operations of the expert body.

As mentioned by regional groups as well as many other delegations, we too, are of the view that, the expert body should reflect an equitable geographical distribution, comprised of at least 26 elected experts.

States should be able to nominate candidates from their own nationals, and members, to be elected by the Human Rights Council. Term of membership should be limited to a maximum period of two terms of 3 or 4 years each.

Membership of the expert body should not be limited to the members of the Human Rights Council.

I thank you.

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